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PREFACE

During the Second World War the German Signal Intelligence Control Center of the Staff of the Chief of Army Signal Service (HNW, LNA) issued a series of reports to show the USSR military-economic situation as reflected in Russian internal plain language traffic. These reports appeared at short, irregular intervals, usually six per month, for the period October 1942-March 1945. Eighty-three of these reports have been translated and issued by [REDACTED] FOIA b3

It is planned to issue a complete set of translations of the reports beginning with the most recent and working backward, but omitting those already translated by [REDACTED] FOIA b3. The numbering of the items was added by the translator since the Germans did this only in the last eighteen reports, [REDACTED] inclusive. Since the original material was in Russian, an effort has been made when translating the German to determine the original Russian term wherever possible. This is facilitated by the Russian fondness for abbreviations. In these translations into English the probable meaning of the abbreviation will be given in parenthesis the first time it occurs in each report. FOIA b3

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30 September 1943

The Soviet Union

Military-Economic Report 10/9

(Based on domestic radio traffic)

Individual Messages

1.) Personnel Situation

(1) The NKRF-Offices in Rostov/Don, Omsk, and Kujbyshev are to order management personnel to set up construction staffs for the Desna and Dneper Steamship Agencies. An organization leader from Rostov/Don is being sent to Chernigov.

(2) In September Omsk-NKRF will receive from the local technical schools 221 students, who finished their training time, as follows:

10	Coppersmiths
10	Electric welders
15	Locksmiths
5	Forgers
37	Ships' Carpenters
5	Carpenters
6	Stokers
70	Motor-Ship Masters
30	Mechanics
33	Caulkers

(3) On 15 September the technical school in Ejsk had 67 registrations for the first semester, 12 for the 2nd semester, and 32 for the preparatory course.

(4) The NKRF Plants "Zhdanov" and "Karl Marx" in Gorkij are not fulfilling their training plans. The "Zhdanov" Plant is training only 11 technical students instead of 54 and Plant "Karl Marx" only 26 instead of 63.

(5) In October Astrakhan-NKRF will receive 270 technical students. The NKRF-Plant in Dzerzhinsk had a contingent of 400 technical students as follows:

75	Ships machinists
30	Ship-motor engineers
60	Pilots
25	Turners
60	Coppersmiths
30	Locksmiths
30	Electric Welders
30	Iron Casters
30	Joiners
30	Caulkers (?)

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(6) To fulfill the timber procurement plan, Yakutsk-NKRF has to call on 540 men from among the itinerant workers for timber procurement work in the winter.

(7) According to a message of 27 September, 20 lung-patients are employed at the NKRF-plant in Limenda (Arkhangelsk Oblast').

2.) Food Situation

(8) The harvest in Aktyubinsk was brought in preponderantly by Komsomol members and school youth. As of 11 September, they harvested 13470 hectares. To transport the grain, 313 transport brigades with 1531 persons were set up. They were exclusively composed of school youth.

(9) School youth and members of Komsomol bands were also called upon in Gurev to transport the grain.

(10) The situation of the harvest in Uralsk is not satisfactory. 20 transport brigades were to bring in 4500 tons of grain according to schedule. Actually only 387.5 tons were brought in by 500 youth. The harvest was mostly carried out by reaping machines. In order to harvest the remaining 128000 hectares, 585 reaping machines and 1395 women are needed.

(11) The dairies in Rostov/Don are to increase their cheese production. In the fourth quarter the local trust is to produce 90 tons of cheese.

(12) In September Krasnoyarsk NKRF caught and purchased 152 tons of fish.

(13) As of 1 September the Georgian NK for Trade in Tiflis had a fish catch of 107 tons.

(14) In the course of 15 days in September 100 tons of salt were extracted from a salt lake at Manych.

(15) The offices of the NK for Procurement in Rostov/Don may accept from the kolkhozes for the needs of the Red Army, Navy, NKVD units and hospitals for 100 kilograms of hay, which is to be delivered, 200 kilograms of rye or wheat straw, or 150 kilograms of oat, barley or millet straw.

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(16) The bread ration for workers of the shipyard in Osetrovsk (Yakutsk Rajon) amounts to 600 grams. An increase is not possible.

(17) The workers and employees of Plant 65 in Rostov are receiving the following allotments per person per month:

Meat or fish	2200 grams
Fat	600
Groats or macaroni	1500
Sugar	500

(18) According to a decree of the Council of People's Commissars of 17 September, the workers as well as the population who have participated in the harvest of potatoes and assorted fruits have been authorized the following allowances:

2 kilograms of cabbage for each 1 ton of cabbage harvested
8 kilograms of vegetables for each 1 ton of vegetables harvested
15 kilograms of potatoes for each 1 ton of potatoes harvested

(19) In August the Georgian NK for Trade in Groznyj reports the following turnover:

On hand at the beginning of the month

234 tons of flour
6 tons of groats

Arrivals

2,051 tons of flour
46 tons of groats

Consumption

2,127 tons flour
49 tons groats

On hand at the end of the month

158 tons of flour
3 tons of groats

(20) Because of the lack of sugar the Canning Trust in Oktembryan discontinued manufacturing cans, while simultaneously transports of fruit pile up. An allotment of 150 tons of sugar is required from Dzhuli.

(21) In the fourth quarter, Omsk NKRF will receive for its bases in the Far North:

8 tons of fish or meat
3 tons of fat
5.8 tons of sugar

(22) Since the beginning of the year 1,270 tons of export tea have arrived in Krasnovodsk.

Of this amount 1,162 tons arrived for shipment as of 19 September.

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Authorizations

	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(23)	Ashkhabad NK for Procurement	4,000 tons	Bread grain	Ashkhabad Grain Procure- ment	For September
(24)	Voroshilovgrad and Kharkov Oblasti	1,150	Wheat	Rostov Grain Procurement	Priority shipment
(25)	Voroshilovgrad and Kharkov Oblasti	3,500	Barley	Rostov Grain Procurement	Priority shipment
(26)	Osetia Republic	2,000	Winter seed grain	Krasnodar Grain Procurement	---
(27)	Checheno-Ingush Republic	2,000	"	"	---
(28)	Rostov Oblast' "Sovkhozes"	4,000	"	Rostov Grain Procurement ?	As advance return 1943/44
(29)	Rostov Oblast' "Sovkhozes"	6,000	"	"	As advance return 1943/44
(30)	Gorkij Oblast'	2,000	Flour	---	Addition for third quarter
(31)	Baku NK for Food Industry	300	Macaroni flour	---	For Sept. Not yet delivered
(32)	Beslan Food Supply	20	Macaroni	Ordzhonikidze NK for Food Industry	Not yet delivered
(33)	Kizil-Arvat Rail- road Car Repair Shop	150	Potatoes	Ashkhabad	---
(34)	"	100	Vegetables	"	---
(35)	---	2,093	Vegetables	Erivan NK for Procurement	Procured as of 15 September
(36)	Leningrad Food Trade	40 cars	Apples	---	In October
(37)	Leningrad Food Trade	3	Wine	---	In October
(38)	Armavir Meat Combine	200 tons	Livestock	Stavropol Cattle Procurement	For 3rd quarter not yet received
(39)	Rostov "Kolkh- ozes"	4,900 head	Poultry	Rostov "Sovkhozes"	To be delivered by 25 September
(40)	Liberated Oblasti of the Ukraine	41,500	Poultry	Krasnodar Oblast'	---
(41)	Rostov Food Industry	1 car	Sugar	Tsymlyansk Can- ning Factory	---
(42)	Tiflis, Chief Directorate for Sugar	35 tons	Sugar	Tiflis State Re- serves	---
(43)	Armavir Meat Combine	2 cars	Salt	Krasnodar Oblast'	---
(44)	Gulkevichi, Mixed Fodder Plant	1	Salt	"	---

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	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(45)	Krasnodar Meat Combine	1 car	Salt	Krasnodar Oblast'	---
(46)	Krasnodar Cheese Trust	2	Salt	"	---
(47)	Krasnodar Cattle Procurement	2	Salt	"	---
(48)	Krasnodar Meat Trust	3	Salt	"	---
(49)	Krasnodar City Dairy	2	Salt	"	---
(50)	Krasnodar Eggs and Poultry Trust	2	Salt	"	---
(51)	Krasnodar Swine Breeding Trust	3	Salt	"	---
(52)	Makhachkala Fish Trust	100 tons	Salt	"	---
(53)	Rostov Meat Combine	5 cars	Salt	Rostov Salt Directorate	In October
(54)	Rostov Cold Storage	1 car	Salt	"	In October
(55)	Rostov Cattle Procurement	1 car	Salt	"	In October
(56)	Rostov Fish Trust	8	Salt	"	In October
(57)	Rostov Milk Combine	2	Salt	"	In October
(58)	Rostov Oil Industry	2	Salt	"	In October
(59)	Rostov Eggs and Poultry Trust	6	Salt	"	In October
(60)	Baloshov Distillery	60 tons	Alcohol	Makhachkala "Iransovtrans"	---
(61)	Sochi Meat Combine	2 cars	Salt	Krasnodar Oblast'	---
(62)	Kamensk Distillery	60 tons	Alcohol	Makhachkala "Iransovtrans"	---
(63)	Kizlyar Chief Directorate for Wine	220	Alcohol	"	In October
(64)	Krasnodar Distillery	98 tons	Alcohol	"	---
(65)	Novocherkassk Distillery	60 tons	Alcohol	"	---
(66)	Rostov Distillery	100	Alcohol	"	---
(67)	Saratov Distillery	110	Alcohol	"	---
(68)	Stalingrad Distillery	170	Alcohol	"	---

Deliveries

(69)	Rostov "Kolkhozes"	8,795 tons	Seed grain	Rostov Grain Procurement	As of 20 Sept. in advance
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(70)	Rostov Oblast' "Sovkhozes"	1, 556 tons	Seed grain	Rostov Grain Procurement	As of 20 Sept. in advance
(71)	Voroshilovgrad Oblast' "Sov- khozes"	2, 341	Seed grain	Voroshilovgrad, Grain Procure- ment	As of 23 Sept. in advance
(72)	Southern Front	597	Potatoes	Voronezh Oblast'	As of 15 Sept.
(73)	Southern Front	284	Vegetables	Voronezh Oblast'	As of 15 Sept.
(74)	Baku, Pastry Industry	50	Oil con- centrates	Baku, Chief Di- rectorate of Oil and Fats	---
(75)	Baku Pastry Industry	10	Margarine	"	Imported margarine
(76)	Liberated Oblasti of the Ukraine	18, 370 head	Poultry	Krasnodar Oblast'	As of 24 Sept.
(77)	Liberated Oblasti of the Ukraine	8, 020	Poultry	Rostov Oblast'	As of 23 Sept.
(78)	Stalingrad Oblast'	5, 280	Poultry	Salsk, Poultry Sovkhoz	As of 21 September.

3.) Production Situation

(79) The Chief Directorate of the NKRF in Moscow reported to all offices that prepara-
tory measures are to be taken immediately for winter repair. Setbacks which have occurred at
various offices are to be remedied immediately. Special attention is to be taken so that heating
material and tools are on hand in sufficient quantity.

(80) A meeting is taking place at Kujbyshev of the directors of the Volga Steamship
Agency and the enterprises subordinate to it for the purposes of discussing winter preparation
and establishing a production program.

(81) Zaozere, NKRF Plant in Molotov Rajon is farthest behind of all enterprises of
the Kama Steamship Agency in preparations for winter ship repair.

(82) The NKRF plant in Chistopol fulfilled the current production program. However,
it is behind in preparations for winter work.

(83) For current ship repair work in 1944 the following NKRF offices received authori-
zations of the following sums of money:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Sums of Money</u>
Astrakhan	16, 000, 000 rubles
Gorkij	15, 000, 000
Kirov	1, 600, 000
Kujbyshev	8, 000, 000
Stalingrad	12, 000, 000
Uralsk	1, 100, 000

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(84) As of 18 September Omsk NKRF Plant "Stalingrad" fulfilled the September

plan very unsatisfactorily. Moscow insists on the unconditional fulfillment of the September plan.

(85) Gas motors of 400 horsepower are being built at Plant "Kujbyshev" in Kazan. (?)

(86) At various NKRF offices earth and under-water work is being carried out at

the landing places. The following table presents an idea of the extent of this work:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Shifting of Earth in Cubic Meters</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Khabarovsk, Landing Place of the NKRF Yard in Khabarovsk	52,000	As of 25 September
Khabarovsk, Landing Place Malyshevsk	100,000	As of 3 October
Yakutsk, Landing Place Solyanovsk	6,000	As of 19 September
Yakutsk, Landing Place Osetrovsk	80,000	As of 18 September
Yakutsk, Landing Place Tyapushkin	6,000	Beginning of work - 4 October End of work - 12 October
Yakutsk, Landing Place Krasnoarmejsk	6,000	24 September to 4 October
Yakutsk, Landing Place Baboshinsk	6,500	Already completed on 9 September
Blagoveshchensk, Landing Place of the Plant "Lenin"	60,000	Already completed on 13 September
Blagoveshchensk, Landing Place Astrakhanovsk	22,000	Beginning 4 Oct. End 16 Oct.

(87) In the fourth quarter the enterprises of the NKRF in Uralsk have to produce industrial products for 725,000 rubles.

(88) Petroleum borings have been discontinued in Baku and Groznyj because of the lack of cement. Each place requires 300 tons of cement.

(89) In the third quarter the Directorate of Roads in Erivan is to receive 800 tons of cement for building purposes.

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(90) In September the motor repair plant in Erivan will receive one carload of fire-proof clay from a plant for fireproof materials in Stalinogorsk.

(91) North Osetia Oblast' has to receive an allotment of 10,000 square meters of window glass. The consignor is the glass factory in Dagestanskije Ogni. The allotted glass has not yet been delivered.

(92) Schools, nursing homes, military hospitals, public buildings as well as residences have been without windows since the beginning of winter because of the German occupation and the air attacks and artillery bombardments.

(93) In September Shakhty "Rostov Coal" received four carloads of window glass for reconstruction work.

(94) Stalingrad received two carloads of glass in September from the glass factory in Dagestanskije Ogni for reconstruction work.

(95) In September the Canning Combine in Kanibadan is to receive from the glass factory in Ashkhabad 6 cars with 200,000 glass containers.

(96) The NK for the Rubber Industry in Moscow requires from the Oil Supply in Baku 79 cars of coal soot and 59 cars of ruberask (special rubber ?). The delivery is to be carried out by 25 September.

(97) Newly identified plants:

<u>Plant</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Pertinent Data</u>
69	Gorkij	Truck factory
118	Moscow	--
147	Khabarovsk	--
159	Sochi	Cannery
185	Astrakhan	--
359	Taganrog	Enamel Plant
431 (?)	Krasnovodsk	--
624	Moscow	--
NKRF Plant	Zaozere	--
Tractor Plant	Sverdlovsk	(new construction)
Metal Construction Plant	Baku	Production of instruments and equipment
Metal Plant	Petrovsk-Zabajkalskij (100 km. south-east of Ulan Ude)	Production of boilers
Rail Factory	Erivan	--
Caoutchouc Factory	Shakina	Manufacturing and processing of caoutchouc
Armenian Cement Factory	Batajsk	--
Asbestos Factory	Yaroslavl	--
Brick Works	Kirovabad	--

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4.) Transport Situation

(98) In September Building Material Supply in Ashkhabad will receive 13 cars for transporting glass.

(99) Rostov Coal in Shakhty requires 246 cars for transporting scrap in September.

(100) Gorkij NKRF and Kazan NKRF will each receive two cars daily from the Kazan Railway Line for transporting steel products.

(101) In August 9, 392 tons of freight arrived in Makachkala and 8,510 tons were transported. As of 1 September 4,612 tons of freight were not dispatched.

(102) In the first days of September the harbor of Baku received only 749 cars instead of the scheduled 1792 cars. 24,000 tons of freight have piled up.

(103) The NKRF enterprises in Rostov/Don did not fulfill the transport plan in the first ten days of September. Coal transport was most poorly carried out.

(104) From 16 September to the end of the month Stalingrad NKRF has to transport the following freight:

Salt	10,000 tons
Fish	18,000
Coal	13,000
Bread grain	6,000
Other freight	30,000

(105) The grain transport plans in Kujbyshev and Saratov are not being fulfilled:

<u>September Plan</u>		<u>Plan Number for</u> <u>the first 2 weeks</u> <u>of Sept.</u>	<u>Actual Fulfillment</u>
Saratov	31,400 tons	14,600 tons	6,136 tons
Kujbyshev	38,000	5,000	2,887

(106) Because of the damage to the Omsk pontoon bridges the Lower Irtysh Steamship Agency above Omsk has been seriously hindered in its work since 11 September.

(107) Krasnoyarsk NKRF has to transport in September 3400 tons of fish products and Ulan Ude 1400 tons.

(108) The storage capacity of the oil enterprises in Groznyj is exhausted because of the unavailability of tank cars. In the event no help is forthcoming, a production setback is to be expected.

(109) The North Caucasian Railway did not fulfill the Grain Transport Plan. During the first 20 days of September only 1835 cars instead of 7,554 cars were dispatched.

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(110) Civil Air Fleet. The following units of the Civil Air Fleet were newly identified

or confirmed:

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
The 9th Independent Flight Regiment	Tiflis	Confirmed
The 32nd Flight Division	Sverdlovsk	Confirmed
Flight Group Pogorelov	---	Newly identified, awaiting confirmation
Group Gordeev	---	Newly identified, awaiting confirmation
Group Podzozov	Belokurakino District (30 km. north-northwest of Starobelsk)	Confirmed
Armenian Flight Division	--	Confirmed
Radio school	Frunze	Newly identified
Flight School	Tambov (?)	Newly identified
Flight School	Tadzhikster	Newly identified
		(The possibility exists that it is identical to the Flight School in Tashkent.)
ARB 70 (Aviation Repair Base)	Ashkhabad (?)	Confirmed
ARM 28 (Aviation Repair Workshop)	Alma-Ata	Confirmed
ARM 30 (Aviation Repair Workshop)	Stalinabad	Newly identified
ARM 122 (Aviation Repair Workshop)	Tashkent	Newly identified
ARM (Aviation Repair Workshop)	Poti	Newly identified
ARM (Aviation Repair Workshop)	Tiflis	Newly identified

(111) In Tashkent 40 radio guards, 25 radio technicians, and 8 radio operators were trained for the Civil Air Fleet.

(112) In the first 20 days of September, the September plan for transporting spare

parts for tanks from the following offices of the Civil Air Fleet was carried out as follows:

Kujbyshev	68 per cent
Saratov	37
Gorkij	16

(113) Flight Line Mineralnye Vody-Makachkala-Baku-Tiflis was identified for the first time.

(114) All aviation traffic along the Moscow-Stalingrad run has to make a stop at Saratov.

(115) It is reported from Frunze that the local flight school does not have the possibility

of maintaining its full curriculum with the number of teaching personnel on hand.

(116) The discussion of the representatives of the weather stations of the Civil Air

Fleet is taking place in Irkutsk. Representatives from the Novosibirsk, Irkutsk and Khabarovsk rajons are in attendance.